

Notes From the Trail

The Bartram Garden Club Newsletter



The Bartram Garden Club, Inc.

Member of NGC, Deep South Garden Clubs, and FFGC

Grow + Show + Serve + Conserve

Next Meeting

Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach
201 Jean Lafitte Blvd

January 11, 2024

10:00 a.m. Meet and Greet 10:15 a.m. Call to Order

Life Cycle Gardening — — Inviting Butterflies Into the Garden

Fleming Island Garden Club members, Carolyn and Bob Warren, will share how to create an award-winning butterfly garden which supports pollinators.

Bring a Guest or Prospective Member

Greeters: Melanie Nobis, Lorraine Conover

Hostesses: (Drinks only) Debby Arnold, Mary Butler

Inspiration: Rosie Davidson

Raffle Item: Rosie Davidson

Clean up: Elisabeth Beekman and all members

*If unable to serve, please find a substitute and notify
the co-presidents.*

We Proceeded on... Keeping the Trail Green!

A message from the Co-Presidents

Welcome 2024! Hope your holidays were all you could have hoped for.

We bet you are already working on your New Year's resolutions list. Look no further than your garden club to check those boxes! Gardening provides exercise, fresh air, an outlet for creativity, social interactions, and food for the body, heart, and mind. Being active in the club rewards you with all of the above while sharing with like-minded people.

Thanks to all members who gave to the collection for Micah's Place! They were very grateful for the donated items. We really made a difference.

Join us for January's program "Life Cycle Gardening — Inviting Butterflies into the Garden."

We had a Potting Party recently and got all 100 Live Oak seedlings tucked away and ready for the Florida Arbor Day giveaway on January 19th at Fort Clinch. (See details opposite in this newsletter about our Arbor Day tree planting.) Special thanks to potters **Kim Brewer-Bettencourt, Bev Williams, Elizabeth Rawson, Deb Walton, Karen Reily, and Jerry Walthall.**

We look forward to seeing everyone at the January meeting!

Karen Reily and Kathy Reily

Library Floral Exhibits

Many thanks to the following volunteers:

Jan. 1 - 14 Karen Reily

Jan. 15 - 31 Beverly Williams

Feb. 1 - 14 Marianne Salas

Feb. 15 - 29 Linda Martin

Mar. 1 - 14 Kathleen Lunman

To volunteer CLICK the SignUpGenius link on the home page of our website or contact **Frances Ambrose.**

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[229-942-5307](tel:229-942-5307)

Your displays are vastly appreciated by the library staff and patrons!

Dates to Remember

January

11 General Club Meeting, 10 a.m.

19 FL Arbor Day Planting, 11 a.m.

31 WC yard cleanup, 10 a.m.

February

15 General Club Meeting, 10 a.m.

28 WC yard cleanup, 10 a.m.

Florida Arbor Day Celebration

January 19, 2024 is Florida Arbor Day. We have an extra special celebration planned. Since 2024 marks the 100th year anniversary of FFGC, garden clubs throughout Florida will be dedicating their Arbor Day tree to this momentous occasion.

We will be planting our beautiful Weeping Yaupon Holly at the entrance to Fort Clinch State Park at 11 a.m. simultaneously with all participating clubs.

We will also be giving away 100 Live Oak tree seedlings!

We ask that all members make a special effort to attend in support of your club, and for a photo opt to capture this one-of-a-kind event!



The Camera Corner

Betty Raker, Photography Chairman

Avoid slanted horizons

Click "Camera" on cell phone "Settings", and select "Grid." To adjust a slanted image, use the Edit feature and the Rotate tool.

Avoid bright sunlight

Shoot just after sunrise and just before sunset.

Capture impressive skies

Shoot when the sky is stormy or on days with white, fluffy clouds.

Create a sense of depth

Incorporate leading lines, and objects in the foreground. Shoot from different levels and angles.

Establish a focal point

Include a foreground object placed at one of the lower two junction points on the grid.

Strive for simplicity

Select scenes with only one or two elements and focus on those; use negative spaces to help subjects stand out.

References:

<https://iphonephotographyschool.com/landscape-photography/>

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Woman's Club Landscape Team

We are thankful for the faithful members who help us maintain the landscaping at the clubhouse. This permits us to continue to meet there. Please sign up using our online SignUpGenius feature. The link is on the homepage of our website.

Grow and Show What you Know at a NGC Flower Show!

Start planning now to show off your amazing horticulture!

FFGC will host an NGC Major Flower Show at the Garden Club of Jacksonville during their 100th anniversary convention next April. The Horticulture Division I Sections A - H will be open to any amateur gardener. Do not miss this opportunity to show the state of Florida how much you love growing shrubs, trees and flowers! Entries may be cut specimens or container-grown. Read the show Schedule to **learn more about how and what to enter.**

[Click here](#) to read the Flower Show Schedule and plan your entries in Division I.

Keep Calm and Garden On!

Gardening by the Month

[Click here](#)

Landscape Matters

Nassau County Extension Service offers many educational classes. For a complete list and to register **[click here](#)**

Ways and Means Updates

We are now able to accept credit card purchases with a 3% convenience fee. The following items are available during club meetings, or by contacting Treasurer Pam Dawson. pddfad3@aol.com

NEW! Brushed silver and black magnetic name tags — \$10 each
Denim shirt with club logo — \$45
Garden gloves \$6 each/ 2 for \$10/3 for \$15
LED light bulbs
Floral design products and
Much, Much More!

January Birthdays

7 Margaret Bellucci
11 Bob Reily
12 Carolyn Stevens
28 Julia Lizza
29 Shari Carroll

We are proud to highlight our first “Mighty Oak” Corporate Sponsor, **Mike Zaffaroni, owner of Liberty Landscape Supply**. Pictured below is co-president Karen Reily presenting Mike and Shawn Moffet, Operations Manager, with our Certificate of Corporate Sponsorship. Mike is a charter member of The Bartram Garden Club and supports our club with generous donations from his landscape supply business.



Many thanks to (L to R) **Karen Reily, Beverly Williams, Deb Walton, Elizabeth Rawson, Jerry Walthall**, and **Kim Brewer-Bettencourt** for coming to our potting party! We prepared 100 Live Oak tree seedlings on December 21st at Karen’s home. These will be given away on Florida Arbor Day, January 19th when the club plants a weeping holly tree at the entrance of Fort Clinch. **The seedlings represent FFGC’s 100th anniversary!**



Coming soon! Newly designed club business cards will be available in February which the membership may distribute to prospective members.

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